as to whether they were fifty or even sixty percent
reliable at the very best. I spent some time in the
army. I spent some time training with conventional
weapons...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ....that were used by the army and I
know that those weapons, long tried that they are, are
not highly efficient. The point is this, if you are talk-
ing about fifty thousand warheads, if you are talking
about even ninety percent efficiency, if you are talking
about the United States having twenty thousand of them,
if we have two thousand missiles left over on a 90 percent
efficient Russian attack, it is still enough to destroy
the Soviet Union completely. So that is the first point
that came across to me. The second point that came across
is that all of the American military experts say that we
are on a parity with the Soviet Union. When asked before
Senate subcommittees whether they would trade places, trade
our strategic arms for Russian strategic arms, the answer
is always no. The Department of Defense annual report
says we are on parity. Richard Allen, National Security
Advisor to President Reagan, says we are on a parity with
them.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR BEUTLER: General John Vessey also says it. So in
conclusion it seems to me that men as patriotic as these
are would surely not make the most unpatriotic statement
that they could possibly make, that is to lie about our
relative strength to the Soviet Union, and if they have
told us the truth, then it seems to me that we need not
worry about whether a freeze leaves us at a disadvantage.
Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you have an amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Higgins would move to
amend the resolution. (Read the Higgins amendment as
found on page 1526 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I offer this amendment
because I have written a number of my constituents and
told them that I would support a nuclear freeze as long
as it was bilateral and as long as we included on site
inspections. I understand that you can do inspections
through satellites and such and that they might not be as